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NEWS

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On The Academic Minute

Assistant sociology professor Ruth Thompson-Miller was featured on the popular radio program, The Academic Minute, explaining the lasting effects of Jim Crow laws.

The Academic Minute is a platform for professors from top colleges and universities across the country to share “groundbreaking research and how that research helps us understand and solve the big problems that matter to us all.”

Produced by Northeast Public Radio WAMC, it also airs in nearly 70 markets across the country. Inside Higher Ed, a leading website on higher education news, also shares the program daily.

In her Academic Minute, Thompson, an author of *Jim Crow’s Legacy: The Lasting Impact of Segregation*, speaks about interviewing elderly African Americans who lived during Jim Crow about the violence, intimidation, humiliation and traumatic stress they suffered.

She says, “The research on the long-term impact is compelling. The cumulative experiences of traumatic racial events have caused long-lasting psychological consequences for African Americans, which we call Segregation Stress Syndrome.”

Learn more by listening to Thompson-Miller’s Academic Minute [here](#).

Thompson-Miller, who joined the University faculty in 2011, has been an expert voice on civil rights and race relations in the **local, national and international media** during the 2016 election and presidential transition. She also contributed to the documentary “You Belong to Me,” which describes the sexual assault, trial and incarceration of Ruby McCollum, an African American woman convicted of murdering a wealthy Southern white doctor in 1952.



Her forthcoming edited book, *Systemic Racism: Making Liberty, Justice and Democracy Real*, examines housing segregation, the racial wealth gap, the convergence of racism and sexism that leaves women of color disproportionately impacted by domestic violence, surveillance and policing, the law, plight of immigration, and the increasing disenfranchisement of people of color globally.